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SUBSTITUTE REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

Docket Number (Optional)
MTS-520US2

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 5,761,301, granted June 2, 1998, and for which a

reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled MARK FORMING APPARATUS, METHOD OF FORMING LASER MARK ON OPTICAL DISK, REPRODUCING APPARATUS, OPTICAL DISK AND METHOD OF PRODUCING OPTICAL DISK,

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on December 7, 2001 as reissue application number 10/020,425 and was amended on _____. (If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly Inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

☐ by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

☒ by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

☐ by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows: See Attachment.

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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Attachment to PTO/SB/51 (12-97)
Reissue Application Declaration by the Inventor

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described as follows:

During the prosecution of the application that issued as the above patent, the inventors did not recognize that the features disclosed in the patent at column 12, lines 30-36 were appropriate to claim. As such, the inventor's did not claim all that they had a right to claim. This error was made without deceptive intent. Specifically, the inventors did not claim any one or more of the features of the reflective layer being trimmed by a laser to form a barcode-like trimming pattern or at least one marking.

In addition, the inventors did not claim any one of the features of trimming the reflective film of an optical disk to form markings by a laser, where the markings form a barcode pattern indicating information, and the markings are formed on a track of the optical disk; and pits are provided between successive markings of the barcode pattern. These errors were made without deceptive intent.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. §119(a)-(d) or § 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate, or § 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States, listed below and have also identified below, any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate, or PCT International application having a filing data before that of the application on which the priority date is claimed:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

<u>(Number)</u>	<u>(Country)</u>	<u>(Day/Month/Year Filed)</u>
6-283415	Japan	17/November/1994
7-016153	Japan	02/February/1995
7-261247	Japan	09/October/1995